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p. 88 Lawfully fully and securely as if all of them had been Natureall borne within the Prouince of Maryland (And the abovesaid Children of Anthony Lacount had been soe borne since their Denizacōn by their said ffather) or were of Brittish or Irish Discent as aforesaid and as any other person or persons Natureally borne within this Prouince or of Brittish or Irish discent may any waies Lawfully doe Any Law Provisoe act or Custome of this Prouince or other thing whatsoever had made ordeined or done within this Prouince to the Contrary hereof in any wise Notwithstanding.

An Act prohibiting all masters of shippes or vessells or any other persons from Transporting or Conveying away any person or persons out of this Prouince without passes.

Whereas Severall persons freemen within this Province being indebted to the Inhabitants thereof haue been by masters of Shippes and other vessells transported and by others by land Conveyed out of this Prouince and alsoe Severall Servants who had time by the Custome of the Countrey Condiōn for wages or Indenture to serve haue been transported and Conveyed away as aforesaid to the great & manifest damage of their Creditors and masters, The Delegates of this present Generall Assembly haueing seriously Considered the Inconveniencies thereby accruing to the good people of this Prouince doe pray that itt may be Enacted And Bee itt Enacted by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>—the Lord Proprietary by and with the advice and Consent of this present Generall Assembly that from and after the Publicacōn hereof any person or persons whatsoever who shall intend to depart this Prouince shall give notice of such his intended departure by setting up his name att the Secretaries office for the full space of three whole moneths and that if within that time noe person shall vnder write the person respectively soe setting upp his name as aforesaid it shall then be Lawfull for his Lordships Gouverneur Chancellor or Secretary of this Prouince for the time being to signe a passe for any such person to depart this Prouince for which passe the party shall pay as a fee to the person signeing the same the sume of two shillings six pence Sterling.

And Bee itt further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that any master of shipp or vessell or other person whatsoever that shall transport or Convey out of this Prouince by Land or water any freeman being indebted by bill bond accompt or otherwise vnto any Inhabitant without such passe vnder the hand of the Gouverneur Chancellor or Secretary of this Prouince for the time being as aforesaid shall be Lyable to Satisfie all